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What information is being collected?

The information collected pertains to Federal IT Spending, as part of the agency chief information officer (CIO) responsibilities outlined by the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 (Clinger-Cohen). Agencies annually provide to OMB, Exhibit 53s and Exhibit 300s outlining their IT budgets and expenditures. The information being collected by the IT Dashboard will be used to enhance the existing data by collecting the following data on a monthly basis:

- Investment name/description
- Agency CIO/investment program/project manager
- Awarded contracts
- Performance metrics information
- Cost/Schedule performance data
- Rebaselining data

Federal agencies Capital Planning and Investment Control (CPIC) processes should already be collecting this information, as OMB requires this information be made available upon request. With the launch of the IT Dashboard, a system managed by GSA, agency CIO offices will be responsible for providing this information, on a regular monthly basis.

Why is the information being collected?

The information being collected will allow traceability of Major IT investment performance throughout the life cycle of the investment. For the first time, the entire Federal government's IT investment details such as cost/schedule of activities for milestones, performance metrics, and rebaselining events will be captured in one place and available to the public. Traditionally this information was only available to the project/program manager of the investment, agency CIOs and OMB.

What is the intended use of the information?

The information supports the new Agency IT investment oversight process being implemented by the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to increase the transparency and accountability of the $70+ billion in IT investment spent each year.   The information will be used to depict cost/schedule performance of each major IT investment in the Federal Government. Individuals will be able to see the Agency, Project/Program Manager, and vendor information for all projects and whether good or bad.

The new website (it.usaspending.gov) will provide members of the public easier access to federal IT investment information – through a single, searchable, public-friendly interface.

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With whom will the information be shared?

Information will be publicly accessible via the Internet (hosted at it.usaspending.gov).

What is the risk of posting this information?

All of the information on the IT Dashboard is publicly available on agency or other Federal government websites and is maintained through agency data updates. Therefore, no additional risk is posed by displaying this data on the IT Dashboard.

What opportunities will individuals have to decline providing information or consent to particular uses of the information and how will individuals grant consent?

Regarding Contract information:

Information is captured during the procurement process. The FAR (in particular, Part 5: Publicizing Contracting Actions) provides detailed guidance on dissemination of procurement-related information, including release of information regarding specific contract award actions. Long- term sensitive, personal data is permanently hidden by using "dummy" Duns numbers. Taxpayer Identification Numbers are NOT among the fields made available to the public." (see: http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/programView.do?pageTypeId=8199&ooid=20113&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaDocument.jsp&programId=10035&channelId=-17921)

Regarding Project/Program Manager Information being released:

The Project/Program Manager's government contact information is public information and is not protected under Freedom of Information Act exemptions.

How will the information be secured?

All information is publicly available and maintained through agency data updates. Information is stored on GSA servers behind a firewall – only authorized users have access to the database/application.

Is a system of records is being created under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a?

Agencies (and agency source systems) are the authoritative source for all the data entering into the IT Dashboard web site (it.usaspending.gov). No new system of record is being created – as the IT Dashboard effectively serves as a duplicate data warehouse.

PIAs must identify what choices the agency made regarding an IT system or collection of information as a result of performing the PIA.

The choice was to use existing data sources - agency data through their Exhibit 53 and Exhibit 300 submissions. The monthly updates are based on information that should be readily available via the project/program manager's project monitoring process.

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Privacy and the IT Dashboard.

The IT Dashboard application provides a process that allows the public to Provide Feedback to the technical team, program sponsors, and directly to the Agency CIO. Comments provided via the IT Dashboard site are collected voluntarily and are not publicly disclosed unless requested, to encourage confidence in providing substantive/detailed feedback.